

Remarks

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's consideration of Applicant's argument filed April 23, 2003 and withdrawal of the rejection under §103(a). In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kline, United States Patent Number 6,537,831, (hereinafter "Kline").

Claims 1-41 were originally presented for Examination. Claims 1-41 are currently pending, of which, claims 1, 18 and 36 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration of the present amendment as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kline. Applicant respectfully submits herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 that provides the appropriate evidence that the present application and Kline have a common inventor, i.e., Jerry D. Kline. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding §102(e) rejection and allowance of claims 1-41.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and

rejections and allow claims 1-41 presented for reconsideration herein. Accordingly, a favorable action in the form of an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

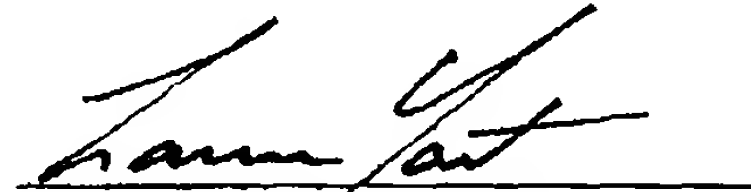
Fee Statement

Applicant believes no additional fees are due for the filing of this Response. If any fees are due, or any overpayments have been made, however, please charge, or credit, our Deposit Account No. 03-1130.

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Dated this 24th day of September, 2003.

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